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Following is the legend to the sketch of Ust Nera on pages 4 and 5:

1. Main road bridge over the Nera: 64 km east of the town. Wooden construction, 400 m long, single lane.
2. Bulganakh: 32 km east of Ust Nera. Camp on a small road leading to the Sokha Gold Mine.¹ The camp had some 700 women, employed in agriculture, raising cabbage, making hay, and cutting reed in the marshes.
3. Nera River: Normally about 200 m wide; spring thaws widen it to 400 m.
4. Rayon hospital: Four km east of the town. It had 12 to 15 wooden, one-story barracks, and some 500 beds for free people and prisoners.
5. Agricultural base (agro-baza): Had many greenhouses and was located about 500 m from the hospital.
6. Service garage (zapravka): For heavy equipment and motor vehicles.
7. Home of the chief of the Indigirka Gold Mining Directorate: White clapboard.
8. Military detachment ("zvod"): 16 or more soldiers.
9. Meteorological station.
10. Gasoline and oil storage: There were three medium tanks, about five m in diameter and six to seven m high.

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11. Garage: For storage of heavy equipment, including bulldozers and tractors.
12. Small airfield: An old airfield where there were only one-engine planes.
13. Courthouse: Consisted of two sections in two long, wooden barracks, connected by a covered passageway.
14. Office buildings: The headquarters of the OLP. (otdeleniye lagernogo punkta), the administrative unit for the camps under it, and of VERGRU, which possibly stood for Verkhnoye razvedochnoye gornoye upravleniye (sic: Upper Prospecting Mining Directorate).²
15. Showers for free people.
16. Prison.
17. Large showers: Half for free people, half for prisoners. The water came from the Indigirka River. In winter, ice from the river was melted for water.
18. Dormitory (gostinitsa).
19. Reference point for distances given on sketch of various installations from the town.
20. Shopping center (bazar).
21. Militia headquarters.
22. Sawmill (piloram [sic]): Used straight saws and circular mechanical saws.
23. Landing station and port for cutters.
24. Central bakery.
25. Post office.
26. Detachment of soldiers.
27. Offices of the Indigirka Directorate.
28. Mechanical shops (mekh-tsekh).
29. Library.
30. School: [redacted] it was a seven-year school.
31. Pharmacy (apteka).
32. Dormitory.
33. SPM: [redacted]
34. Electric power station: There was a coal dump on one side of the station and a slag heap on the other. The plant had a large smoke stack. There were three power lines on tall wooden poles, with large porcelain insulators, about 25 x 30 cm. Around the plant, there were transformers which made a humming noise. This station supplied the Ualchan and the Marshanskiy gold mines. The plant building was possibly of brick.
35. Two-story, wooden houses: Lined both sides of the main street.
36. Brick building with a smoke stack: Probably a small ore refining plant where waste ores were taken.

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37. Restaurant.
38. Club with movie theater: 600 to 700 seats.
39. Library.
40. Small hospital.
41. Motor vehicle repair plant (avto-remontnyy zavod).
42. Garage (avtobaza).
43. Military installation (voyenny korpus) [redacted] 25X1
44. OLP: A camp for 1,500 prisoners who worked in town. 25X1
45. Showers.
46. Reception camp (peresylka): Held over 1,000 prisoners.
47. Construction shops (stroy-tsekh).
48. Motor ferry: About 18 nine km from town.
49. Airfield: 14 km south of the town. Built in 1952-1953. The field was two km long and had a three-story concrete building. In spring 1953, approximately 15 single-engine aircraft were parked at the southern end of the field, 20 two-engine aircraft on both sides of the field, and three four-engine aircraft at the northern end of the field, across from the main building. [redacted] 25X1
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- Ust Nera (N 64-34, E 143-13) was located approximately 1.5 km from the mouth of the Nera River and covered an area two km, north to south, by 1.8 km, east to west. When the town was started in 1946, the small settlement of Yakuts who had been living on the site, were forced to move. There were approximately 2,000 buildings, all wooden structures except the power station and a small factory. In 1951, a flood wrecked approximately 400 buildings, destroyed the preparations for a bridge over the Indigirka River, and caused the loss of 3,000,000 rubles worth of heavy equipment, food, and clothing. [redacted] camp was flooded and 40 horses lost. A flood control canal was later constructed. The town had a central telephone exchange and a radio station, [redacted] 25X1
1. [redacted] 25X1
2. [redacted] Comment: GRU stands for Geologo-razvedochnoye rayonnoye upravleniye (Regional Directorate for Geological Prospecting). 25X1
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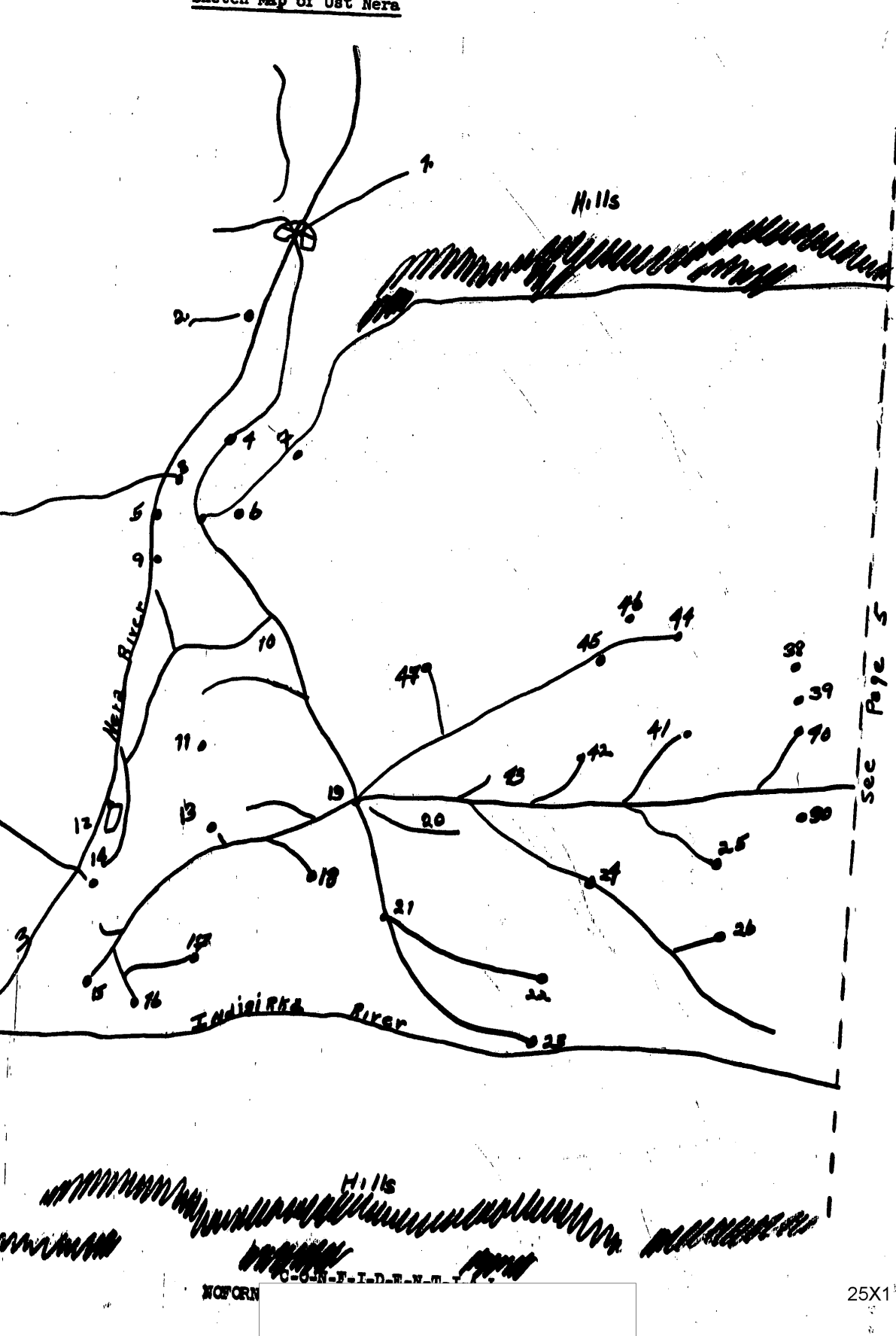
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Sketch Map of Ust Nera



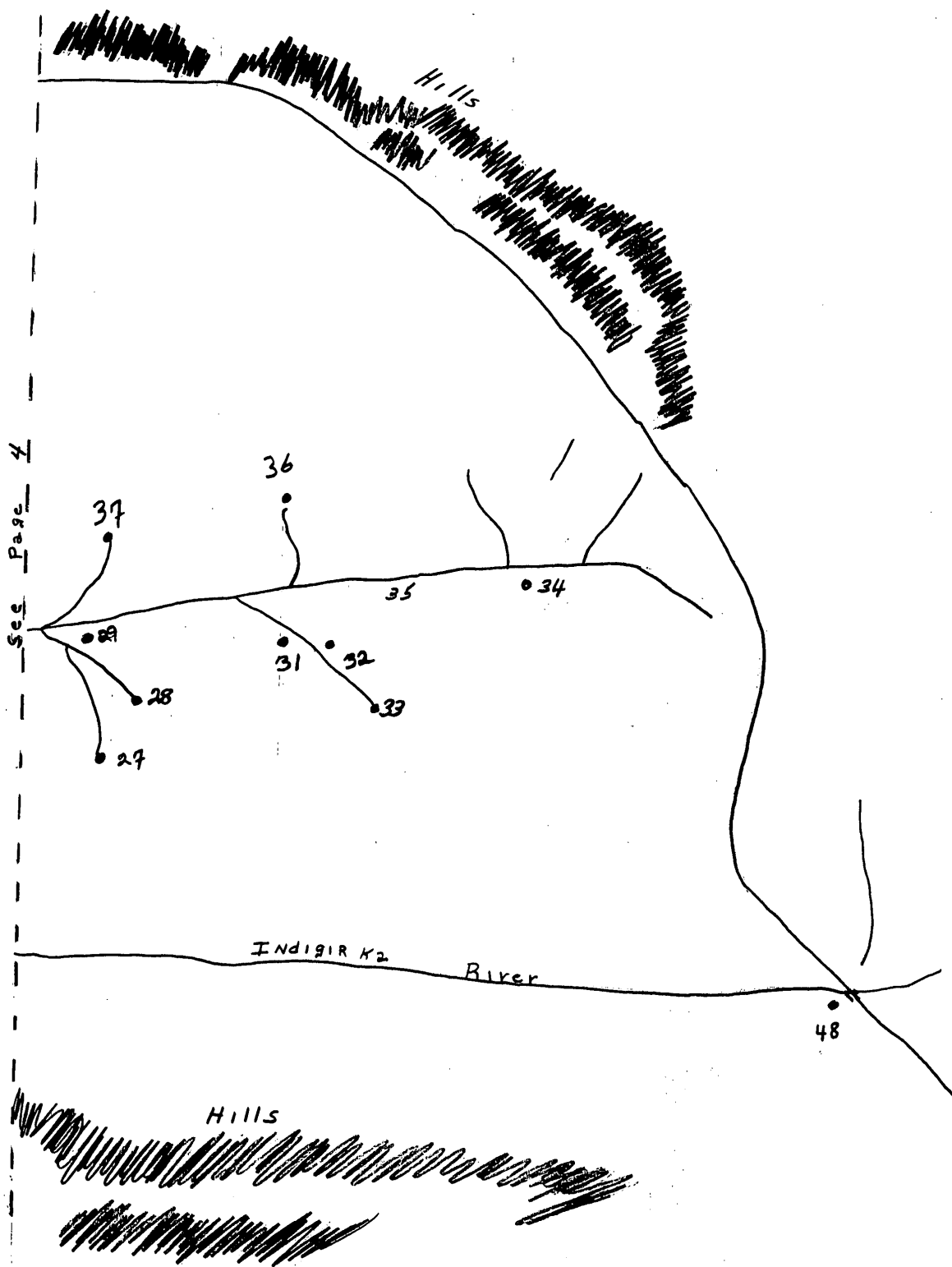
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